

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary**

**EQIP Seasonal High Tunnel**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> EQIP Seasonal High Tunnel		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>		<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas ( <a href="http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html">http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html</a> )?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Production - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. c. Assist in producing energy from renewable resources (solar, wind, biofuel, etc)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Practice Implementation to Support Seasonal High Tunnel Systems	
1. EQIP plan schedule of operations provides for implementation of all funded practices within two years or less.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. EQIP plan schedule of operations provides for implementation of all funded practices within three years or less.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. EQIP plan includes implementation of five or more of the NRCS Core 6 organic conservation practices OR completes an installed system of Core 6 organic conservation practices.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. EQIP plan includes implementation of three to four of the NRCS Core 6 organic conservation practices.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. EQIP plan includes implementation of one to two of the NRCS Core 6 organic conservation practices.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. EQIP plan does not include any of the six NRCS Core organic conservation practices.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Resource Issues	
7. EQIP plan includes implementation of two or more soil building/enhancing practices that address soil tilth, crusting, water infiltration, organic matter, compaction, etc., to FOTG quality criteria standards.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. EQIP plan includes implementation of one soil building/enhancing practice that addresses soil tilth, crusting, water infiltration, organic matter, compaction, etc., to FOTG quality criteria standards.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. EQIP plan includes implementation of practice 590 Nutrient Management to FOTG quality criteria for management of soil fertility, plant nutrients and soil amendments.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Erosion Resource Issues	
10. EQIP plan includes practices which will result in measurable reduction of erosion from all sources OR participant has already addressed all erosion problems to FOTG quality criteria standards.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Resource Issues:	
11. EQIP plan includes practices which will result in reduction of sediment leaving the treatment unit and meets FOTG quality criteria standards.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. EQIP plan includes practices which will manage excess surface water discharge from the treatment unit to an impaired water body (e.g. EPA 303d list, etc.) to FOTG quality criteria standards.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. EQIP plan includes implementation of practice 595 Pest Management and an IPM plan to FOTG quality criteria for management of pests and noxious and invasive species to FOTG quality criteria standards.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant Condition Resource Issues	
14. EQIP plan includes practices which will result in management of surface residues to FOTG quality criteria standards.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Fish and Wildlife Resource Issues	
15. EQIP plan includes implementation of practices which include pollinator friendly plant species in the crop rotation system.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will applicant or has applicant received formal educational training related to Seasonal High Tunnel Systems sponsored by an approved USDA organization?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does application include Micro-Irrigation System-Practice 441?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Has the treatment area been cultivated (defined as crops grown for at least 2 out of the last 5 years)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is applicant self-certified as a historically underserved farmer?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is applicant locating the practice on land with a land suitability class 3 or lower?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the contract include Conservation Crop Rotation-Practice 328 or Cover Crop-Practice 340?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does applicant meet the Mississippi Small Farmer Program guidance acreage and income requirements (owns 100 acres or less and has less than \$70,000 adjusted gross income)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Is applicant a first time EQIP participant?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

Efficiency:  Local Issues:  State Issues:  National Issues:  <b>Final Ranking Score:</b>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<b>NRCS Representative:</b>	<b>Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b>
<b>Signature Date:</b>	<b>Signature Date:</b>